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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREAN CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS  
AND ACTIONS

REF: STATE 181500

1. KOREAN CORE GROUP, CHAIRED BY CANADIAN HICOM, MET  
AUGUST 3, TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GROUP.

2. IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DELIVER  
NOT ONLY U.S. AIDE-MEMOIRE BUT ALSO A SEPARATE AND MORE  
DETAILED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON BEHALF OF ENTIRE GROUP BY CANADIAN  
HICOM. US AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO FONMIN THOMPSON AUGUST  
3 (SEE SEPTTEL REPORT). CANADIAN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON BEHALF  
CORE GROUP BEING DELIVERED TODAY (AUGUST 4) TO THOMPSON.

3. DURING COURSE OF CORE GROUP DISCUSSIONS KOREAN CHARGE  
NOTED THAT HE HAD DELIVERED SECSTATE'S JULY 22 STATEMENT  
TO FONMIN THOMPSON ON JULY 30. THOMPSON TOLD KOREAN CHARGE  
THAT GOJ COULD SUPPORT US PROPOSAL IF REPEAT IF NORTH  
KOREANS AND CHINESE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT. CHARGE  
ASKED THOMPSON TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF NORTH-SOUTH  
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DIALOGUE, AVOIDANCE CONFRONTATION IN UNGA, ETC.

ACCORDING CHARGE THOMPSON WAS EVASIVE IN HIS RESPONSES AND APPEARED LESS FORTHCOMING THAN IN MEETING ON SAME ISSUES EARLIER THIS YEAR. MORE SPECIFICALLY THOMPSON SEEMED RELUCTANT TO ADDRESS KOREAN QUESTION AT FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND DODGED MOST OF SPECIFICS WITH COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT GOJ, BEFORE FINALLY DETERMINING ITS POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION, REQUIRES MORE INPUTS FROM JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO UN.

4. A FEW DAYS EARLIER THOMPSON TOLD CANADIAN HICOM THAT SHOULD THE KOREAN QUESTION ARISE IN NEW YORK THE BEST COURSE FOR JAMAICA TO FOLLOW PROBABLY WOULD AGAIN BE A "DOUBLE ABSTENTION".

5. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ON JULY 29 ALSO DISCUSSED SECSTATE'S KOREAN STATEMENT, BUT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT MANDERSON-JONES. MANDERSON-JONES APPEARED TO BE A BIT MORE FORTHCOMING THAN MINISTER THOMPSON BUT OFFERED NO COMMITMENTS. KOREAN CHARGE HAD A SIMILAR CONVERSATION WITH MANDERSON-JONES ON JULY 29.

6. OUR ASSESSMENT OF GOJ LIKELY COURSES OF ACTION AT COLOMBO MEETING AND UNGA CONTAINED SEPTTEL.  
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